STATE OF NEVADA
HOMELESS POLICY ACADEMY
STATE ACTION PLAN

PRIORITY	ACTION STEPS	TIMELINE	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/AGENCY	RESOURCES
1. DATA GAP	A. Establish baseline data on homeless client population by region			
	i. Develop reporting mechanism/process for providers	July 2002	S. Nevada Homeless Coalition	Existing
	ii. Review existing survey data	July 2002	Reno Area Alliance for Homeless	Existing
	iii. Identify gaps in reporting and address	August 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	iv. Build ongoing data collection and analysis capacity	Ongoing	Policy Team will design	To be determined
	B. Develop inventory of affordable housing units by region			
	i. Identify sources of information	July 2002	Housing Division	Existing
	ii. Centralize information in State of Nevada Housing Division	July 2002	Housing Division	Existing
	iii. Conduct housing needs assessment of special needs groups	July 2002	Housing Division	Independent Contractor
	C. Develop inventory of services for homeless clients			
	i. Compile information on services available, populations served and service capacity	May 2002	Local coalitions (as part of Continuum of Care applications)	Existing
	ii. Identify gaps in service capacity, by community	May 2002	Local coalitions (as part of Continuum of Care applications)	Existing
	iii. Develop plan for addressing unmet needs	August 2002	Policy Academy Team	Existing
	D. Determine common outcome-based data elements, for example, identify indicators of "self-sufficiency" and "personal responsibility	October 1	Data gap subcommittee HUD	Existing
	E. Support development of HMIS / Collect and disseminate information for all groups	Ongoing	Policy Team	Existing

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2. COORDINATION OF SERVICES	A. Commission report to inventory existing assets, including resources, programs, collaborations, etc.			Continuum of care application
	i. Identify potential resources to support the study (DETR, university, state dollars, etc.)	May 2002	Policy Team	To be determined
	ii. Define scope and process for study	August 2002	Policy Team	To be determined
	B. Identify models of service coordination			
	i. Research existing models using info from federal agencies	September 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	ii. Analyze information to identify best fits for Nevada	October 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	C. Identify access barriers to mainstream programs			
	i. Develop and conduct survey of service providers to identify access barriers for their clients	June 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	ii. Evaluate client info from southern Nevada Stand Down	November 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	iii. Write up info and share with all agencies	December 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	iv. Work with programs to address barriers	Ongoing	Policy Team	Existing
	D. Develop pilot project addressing managed care contract requirement for pregnant women who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless			
	i. Draft RFP for Medicaid contractor to modify contract agreements to include this in case management.	August 2002	Charles Duarte	Medicaid funds
	ii. Obtain commitments from housing providers / localities for housing subsidies (approx. 20 in the South and 10 in the North)	June 2002	Charles Duarte	Leverage existing
	E. Develop a client-focused, integrated case management system			
	i. Identify confidentiality issues (statutory changes needed)	June 2002	Charles Duarte	
	ii. Complete required HIPAA assessment (compliance by 10/02) and explore using a vehicle for broader application	Fall 2002	Charles Duarte	

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	F. Foster intergovernmental communication to ensure that services are coordinated			
	i. Identify key points of contact	Ongoing	Bill Arent (south)	
	ii. Identify existing channels of communication	Ongoing	Anne Cory (north)	
	iii. Work through NLC and NACO	Ongoing	Jonathan Andrews (state)	
	iv. Enhance coordination of intergovernmental communication (federal, state, local)	Ongoing		
	G. Identify and invite additional stakeholders/contributors			
	i. Each team member contact their coalition	Ongoing	Policy Team	
	ii. Contact public housing authorities	Ongoing	Anne (north) and Bill (south)	
	iii. Contact other state agencies	Ongoing	Jonathan and Marybel	
3. HOUSING	A. Compile inventory of entire range of housing programs in Nevada and compare to needs assessment (see priority one)	July 2002	Housing Division	Existing
	B. Conduct special needs housing study	May 2002	Housing Division	Contract
	C. Develop plan to address gaps	September 2002	Continuum of Care groups Local coalitions Data gap subcommittee	Existing
4. PREVENTION	(See priority one)			
	A. Identify risk factors for homelessness	Completed	Prevention subcommittee	Existing
	B. Inventory screening opportunities/client touch points	August 2002	Local coalitions	Existing
	C. Develop list of protective factors	September 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	D. Develop and implement public information campaign to increase public awareness about homelessness	January 2003	Housing Division	Existing
	E. Develop training policies and resource materials for use with agency			

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	staff members	January 2003	State and local agencies	Existing
	F. Measure results/system enhancement	Ongoing	State and local agencies	Existing
5. TREATMENT	A. Define terms for planning discussions	April 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	B. Identify barriers to self-sufficiency and access to services	July 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	C. Explore housing models/adaptations	July 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	D. Develop housing and service delivery	Ongoing/To be determined	To be determined	To be determined
6. FORMALIZE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF POLICY TEAM	A. Identify options, advantages and disadvantages	April 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	B. Identify additional membership	April 2002	Policy Team	Existing
	C. Formal organizational designation	July 2002	Governor	Existing

WE ENVISION A STATE WHERE:

- The causes and challenges of homelessness are understood by all;

- Government and private programs work together to encourage, facilitate and sufficiently fund comprehensive, collaborative and humane services;

- A seamless continuum of services tailored to the needs of each individual is easily accessible;

- Personal and familial responsibility, stability and self-sufficiency are attainable; and

- Everyone has stable, safe, sanitary and affordable housing.